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**VIA EMAIL**

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Control No. 22-0001-APPL

Dear Mr. Bingham:

The purpose of this letter is to acknowledge the receipt of your FOIA administrative appeal dated October 6, 2021 pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(A).

For reasons you have stated in your letter, you are appealing the release determination made under MARAD FOIA control number 21-0085-FOIA. MARAD issued its final release determination on September 29, 2021.

The FOIA Office received your request on October 7, 2021. Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(A)(ii), the agency is required to make a determination on the administrative appeal within twenty working days after its receipt. Therefore, the date that a response is due is **November 5, 2021**.

Lastly, to assist this office in better serving you, please refer to FOIA Control Number **22-0001-APPL** when inquiring about your appeal. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call the FOIA Service Center on (202) 366-7375.

Very truly yours,



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